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ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

To NASA funded missions:

Deliver high fidelity TPS response models with direct impact to MPCV and Mars 2020 TPS margin policy and system mass. Improve prediction of Mars entry environments and TPS response to facilitate instrumentation selection and placement and analysis of returned data for MEDLI-2.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Building models that are based on fundamental understanding of the material behavior, coupling those models to the fluid dynamic behavior of the boundary layer, and validating the model with arc jet and flight data will enable optimized risk and margin recommendations for a whole generation of future NASA and commercial space missions.

U.S. WORK LOCATIONS AND KEY PARTNERS



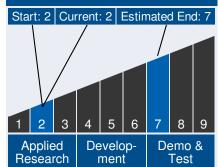
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Technology Maturity



Management Team

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With Work

Active Project (2012 - 2017)

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Other Organizations Performing Work:

- AFOSR
- EADS-Astrium
- LBNL
- Montana State
- NASA EPSCOR Students
- Sandia National Laboratory
- VKI

Technology Areas

Primary Technology Area:

Entry, Descent, and Landing Systems (TA 9)

- └─ Vehicle Systems (TA 9.4)
 - ─ Modeling and Simulation (TA 9.4.5)

Secondary Technology Area:

Thermal Management Systems (TA 14)

- Thermal Protection
 Systems (TA 14.3)
 - Ascent/Entry TPS (TA 14.3.1)

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Technology Areas (cont.)

Additional Technology Areas:

Entry, Descent, and Landing Systems (TA 9)

- Aeroassist and Atmospheric Entry (TA 9.1)
 - □ Thermal Protection
 Systems for Rigid
 Decelerators (TA 9.1.1)
 - Extreme Environment
 Ablative Thermal
 Protection System
 (TPS) (TA 9.1.1.1)
 - ☐ High-Reliability Thermal Protection System (TPS) (TA 9.1.1.2)
 - Conformal Ablative
 Thermal Protection
 System (TPS) (TA
 9.1.1.3)
- └─ Vehicle Systems (TA 9.4)
 - ─ Modeling and

Simulation (TA 9.4.5)

- ☐ Ablative Material Response Models (TA 9.4.5.3)

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